

November 13, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. I have lived in Barrington with my family for 15 years. My home backs up to the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I knew the tracks were there when I purchased this home, however the small number of trains made this property still feel safe for my five children.

I understand that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 or more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement has me extremely concerned for a number of reasons. First, this estimate does not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise and safety problems will significantly affect my family's quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

Second, as a parent, I am extremely concerned about the increased train traffic. The train tracks in Barrington cross through many locations throughout towns—many near schools and school traffic. My family crosses those tracks throughout the day to go to and from school and the many activities my children participate in through this community. Backing up to the tracks we are already affected by the noise from the trains and the coyotes screaming. Both my husband and I also work and the late evening trains and those that occur through the night are already difficult. An increase would make it impossible to continue to live here

I believe that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. The adverse affects from this proposal would not only impact my family's quality of life and safety, but those of this entire community. Please give this serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. I am sure that you are fully aware how serious this issue is and the responsibility you have to ensure the safety and well being of not only my family, but also that of an entire region. I lived here when a train killed the children in Cary, IL. I shudder to think how many of those opportunities would exist should this proposal pass.

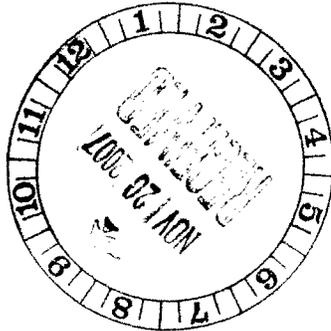
I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal.

Sincerely,



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